

I am greatly concerned about the relaxation of media ownership rules. Whether it is the black-balling of the Dixie Chicks, or Sinclair Broadcasting's decisions to run blatant political advertisements as documentaries, the consolidation of media is having harmful effects on public dialogue.

I understand that the media is rapidly evolving, and that it will be difficult for any media company to monopolize the market. However, with the consent of the FCC, ownership concentration is increasing, along with the potential for abuse.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.